

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 — EXPEDITED PROCEDURE, EXAMINATION GROUP 1723

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SAUERBRUN, N

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 22, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 33-38, and 41-46 are requested to be cancelled. Independent claims 49 and 50 are requested to be rewritten in independent form (but are otherwise not amended), and recite as follows: